

EXHIBIT 14

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From: disabilityservices
Subject: FW: Test Accommodations
Attachments: Katz, Richard 06314751 Response.pdf

From: RICHARD KATZ [mailto:cat2400@msn.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 20, 2014 8:21 PM
To: disabilityservices
Subject: RE: Test Accommodations

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Dear Disability Services:

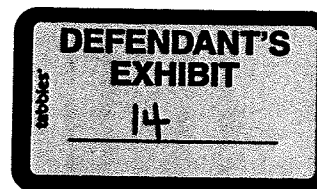
The issue at hand is the fact that the Office of the USMLE Secretariat is NOT granting me another attempt at USMLE Step I. Because of this, a written formal request for test accommodations is not possible at this time (albeit I still have attempts left for USMLE Step 2 CK as well USMLE Step 2 CS). It would prove to be futile if I am not eligible to sit for USMLE Step I as I will never be granted the opportunity to be licensed in the United States without USMLE Step I (even if I were successful at Step 2 CS & CK).

You state in your email the following; "The United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Program provides reasonable and appropriate accommodations in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act for individuals with documented disabilities who demonstrate a need for accommodation."

I don't fully agree with the above statement as I am currently subject to a catch22 situation. I provided reasonable and appropriate documentation warranting accommodations for my disability for USMLE Step I as well as USMLE Step 2 CS and CK, however it appears to be pointless from a medical licensing perspective if I am no longer able to sit for USMLE Step I. You see even if I were to be granted accommodations for Step 2 CS and Step 2 CK due to my disability and happen to get a passing score on these exams I am still no longer eligible to sit for USMLE Step I based on the Six Attempt Limit Rule. My interpretation based on The Office of USMLE Secretariat letter dated April 17th 2014 (see attached) is that the Office of the USMLE Secretariat is focusing on the *policy* of The Six Attempt Limit Rule outside the parameters of any documented disability. Because of the way the policy is structured, it puts an individual in my current situation in a quagmire because NBME Disability Services can not process a request for Test accommodations for USMLE Step I without the formal request. And a formal request can not be submitted without successfully registering for USMLE Step I.

So, because the Office of The USMLE Secretariat is not granting me another attempt at Step I due to the Six Attempt Limit Rule NBME Disability Services will have my file for Test Accommodations for Step I on perpetual hold as the ECFMG website currently is restricting me from registering for USMLE Step I.

I am aware that the Six Attempt Limit Rule is a rule that was instituted by the USMLE Organization and was not instituted by NBME nor ECFMG, if this is the case than maybe Disability Services should be a function of the Office of USMLE Secretariat, because my disability was never acknowledged as a factor in their April 17, 2014 letter. Moreover, the only acknowledgement that I received from NBME regarding the detailed documentation of my disability is that my file will be kept on hold until NBME disability services receives a



formal request for a Step I exam that I am no longer able to register for. I believe that there is currently a flaw somewhere in the USMLE policy since instituting the Six Attempt Limit Rule for an individual such as myself and this policy may warrant revision at this time.

Best regards,

Richard Katz
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> From: disabilityservices@nbme.org
> Subject: Test Accommodations
> To: cat2400@msn.com
> Date: Tue, 8 Apr 2014 09:49:42 -0400
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> Dear Mr. Katz,
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> We have received material on your behalf pertaining to test accommodations for the USMLE; however, we have not yet received your formal request. Since we have not received a written request for test accommodations directly from you, we cannot take any action based on the information you have submitted. Your paperwork will remain in a pending status until a request is received.
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> The United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Program provides reasonable and appropriate accommodations in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act for individuals with documented disabilities who demonstrate a need for accommodation. If you would like to request test accommodations for your Step exam please submit a request for testing accommodations.
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> Guidelines to request test accommodations and all appropriate forms may be accessed on the USMLE website at www.usmle.org. If you have any questions, please contact the office of Disability Services at 215-590-9700.
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> Sincerely,
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